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☐ This application has been examined. ☒ Responsive to communication filed on 3-8-93 ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), — days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- ☒ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
- ☒ Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
- ☒ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152.
- ☐ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
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Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-47 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims 3, 5-8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 25, 30-47 are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims are allowed.

4. ☒ Claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13-15, 17, 19, 21-23 are rejected.

5. ☒ Claims 4, 24, 26-29 are objected to.

6. ☐ Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☒ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on . Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable. ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).

10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner. ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on , has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved (see explanation).

12. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received
☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. ; filed on .

13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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The drawings are objected to as indicated in the enclosed form PTO - 948.

Claims 3, 5 - 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 25, 31 and 36 - 47 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species. Election was made without traverse in Paper No. 3. Furthermore, claims 30 and 32 - 35 are also withdrawn by the examiner as not reading on the elected species (all these claims are dependable from non elected claim 6).

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13 - 15, 17, 19 and 21 - 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cotterill'888. Cotterill shows base 7, platform 8, first element 5, second element 2, links 10, 20, first locking means 30 and second locking means 37. As to claim 9, note elongated slot 25; as to claim 13, note thread means 32.

Claims 4, 24 and 26 - 29 are objected to as being dependent

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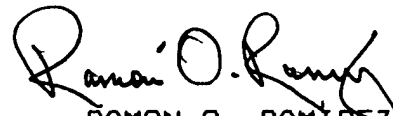
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upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Ramirez at telephone number (703) 308-2168.

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